may, therefore, be taken up under the Act. However, private sector enterprises are not involved in the process of providing employment under the Act.

Final list of BPL families in Rajasthan

1802. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) by when the final list of BPL are likely to be published in Rajasthan;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints regarding anomalies in the said lists;

(c) if so, the measures taken to sort out such anomalies;

(d) whether the number of BPL families in Rajasthan has increased or decreased; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHU VANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (e) The Government of Rajasthan have finalized the New BPL list for the State on the basis of BPL Census, 2002 after getting it approved by the Gram Sabha/Ward Sabha and already posted it on the portal *http: bpl2002.raj.nic.in*. In order to remove the anomalies if any, and to redress the public grievances, a provision of two-stage appeal mechanism has already been provided in the guidelines. Any person having objection to the new BPL list, can file the first appeal with the Tehsildar/SDM as the case may be and the second and the final appeal can be filed with the Collector. A large number of objections were raised by the people which has been disposed off through this mechanism. On the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, a provision has been made to allow new names to be added and ineligible names deleted from the BPL list on a continuous basis during the period to which the list applies. The State Government had also issued directions to the District Collectors for *suo moto* verification of the BPL list where variation is more than 30% as compared to earlier BPL list of 1997.

The number and proportion of people living Below the Poverty Line in the country and in a State is estimated by the Planning Commission which is the official Poverty Estimates. However, through the BPL Census, the exercise is carried out only to identify the BPL rural households who could be assisted under the programmes of this Ministry. For BPL Census 2002 the States were given option to identify the number of BPL households which may be equal to the Poverty Estimates of 1999-2000 or the Adjusted Share whichever is higher and another 10% flexibility was given to account for transient poor.

Safe drinking water under B.N.P.

1803. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very little has been done in the Government's ambitious Bharat Nirman Programme to provide sources of safe drinking water to all